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Subject FW Eagle Zinc comment clarification

Hi Dion,

Further clarification was requested on the comment "to identify or collect additional habitat quality/biological data from within these drainageways and update the risk conclusions."

This request was made because it was concluded that, despite the high hazard quotients that were calculated, there were negligible risks at several locations in the Western Drainageway (before the confluence) and Eastern Drainageway (to the most downstream location) because of poor habitat quality. More information describing the poor habitat quality is needed to support this conclusion. Specifically, this information would be used to conclude that notwithstanding the chemical impairment, the physical/biological qualities of the habitat are sufficiently impaired such that they would not support aquatic receptors. While it may not be possible to distinguish between the chemical and physical impacts to the drainageways, specific information about the habitat, such as dissolved oxygen, the amount of riparian cover, and other characteristics, should be known prior to this conclusion.

Steve Petron and I are available to discuss this comment further Friday Oct. 1, Mon. Oct. 4, or Fri. Oct. 8 .

Thanks!

Ryan